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SUBJ: IVORIAN POSITION ON UNGA KOREAN RESOLUTION

SUMMARY: AS RESULT OF CONSULTATION WITH ROK AMBASSADOR AND PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS WITH ALL FOUR OS CO-SPONSORS OF UNGA KOREAN RESOLUTION WITH EMBASSIES IN ABIDJAN (UK, CANADA, NETHERLANDSAND JAPAN), WE FIND THAT GOIC IS NOT READY TO AND UNLIKELY TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION, AND OTHER FOUR CO-SPONSORS HERE WILL ONLY MAKE DEMARCHES TO GOIC IF SO INSTRUCTED BY THEIR CAPITALS. THIS EMBASSY PREPARED TO TO GOIC AT HIGH LEVEL ON THIS RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE MORE FULLY AGREED TEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. THIS MISSION BEGAN CONSULTATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KANG JULY 21 IN PREPARATION FOR TALKING TO OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF THIS YEARS'S UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA. HE HAD NOT YET TALKED TO IVORIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON THIS SUBJECT SO WE AGREED TO WITHHOLD ANY U.S. APPROACH.

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2. LATER, HOWEVER, WE BEGAN TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF CO-SPONSORES WHICH HAVE EMBASSIES IN ABIDJAN:

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UK, CANADA, JAPAN AND NETHERLANDS. WE SHOWED THEM COPIES OF
REFTELS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MESSAGES. UPSHOT WAS: NONE OF
THEM YET HAD INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT A JOING APPROACH TO GIC
ON KOREAN QUESTION. UK AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY GONE IN AT
LOWER LEVERL, BUT DID NOT PLAN TO GO BACK TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
ON THIS ISSUE UNLESS INTRUCTED BY LONDON.. HE WOULD NOT RPT
NOT REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO DEPARTED
POST JULY 27 FOR REASSIGNMENT, KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT, REFERRED
US TO A JUNIOR OFFICER WHO STILL HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS. JAPANESE
CHARGE WAS AWARE OF RESOLUTION BUT HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. DUTCH
CHARGE REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS ADVISED NOT TO MAKE
DEMARCHE TO GOIC AT THIS TIME.

3. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR KANG CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER
USHER ON JULY 24 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED RESOLUTION. HE GAVE US
FILL-IN ON JULY 31. ACCORDING TO KANG, USHER THINKS THE ROK/US
INITIATIVE ON A NEW COMMAND ORGANIZATION IS A GOOD STEP. HE
BELIEVES PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY THE
U.S. COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREA. GOIC WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE FOR
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AT UNGA. IT IS TOO SOON, HOWEVER, TO SAY
WHETHER GOIC WOULD CONSIDER CO-SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION.
USHER PROMISED KANG HE WOULD FOLLOW MOVES OF OTHER UN MEMBER
STATES, WOULD CONSULT WITH GOIC AMBASSADOR TO UN AND ADVISE
KANG. IN THE MEANTIME, USHER WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT OTHER
AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD PLANS TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT WE SHALL GET MUCH SUPPORT
FROM OTHER CO-SPONSORS HERE IN ABIDJAN, UNLESS THEY ARE INSTRUCTED
TO DO SO FROM THEIR CAPITALS.PRESUME DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE
GUIDANCE ON THIS. IT ALSO APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT GOIC WILL WISH
TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION. NOT ONLY WAS AMBASSADOR KANG DISCOURAGED,
BUT OUR EARLIER EFFORTS TO GET GOIC SPONSORSHIP FOR NAC MEMBER-
SHIP FOR SOUTH KOREA ALSO DID NOT SUCCEED. WE ARE NONTHELESS
PREPARED TO GO TO USHER LATER THIS MONTH. IF, AS SUGGESTED USUN
3423, WORKING OF RESOLUTION IS TO BE ALTERED, WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED.
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